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(2 pages)  
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Exhibit B: Signed Issue Fee Transmittal (in duplicate) (2 total pages)

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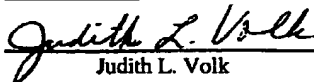
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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)**  
**REQUESTING WITHDRAW OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

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Sir:

On February 27, 2006, the undersigned attorney received a Notice of Abandonment from the USPTO dated February 22, 2006 in the above-identified patent application filed. According to the Notice of Abandonment, this application was deemed abandoned in view of Applicants' failure to timely pay the issue fee in reply to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated October 7, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a), Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the holding of abandonment and request withdraw of the abandonment, as the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was not received by Applicants. This petition is being filed within two months from the mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment, and is therefore timely filed.

The undersigned attorney of record states that, based upon a search of the file jacket and docket records for the above-identified patent application, the Notice of Allowance was not received by the undersigned. A copy of the docket record showing where the non-received Notice of Allowance would have been entered had it been received and docketed is

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attached hereto as Exhibit A as documentary proof of non-receipt of the Notice of Allowance. In particular, page 2 of the Docket Report includes a sequential list of docket entries for the above-identified patent application, noting an Appeal Decision entered on May 25, 2005, with no further actions being received until the Notice of Abandonment dated February 22, 2006. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn, and that a Notice of Allowance be reissued.

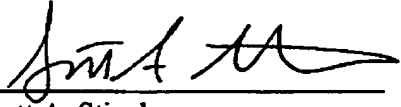
Applicants understand that a Petition fee is not required for requesting withdraw of the holding of abandonment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a).

In the alternative, if the holding of abandonment is maintained and the above Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) is denied, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unavoidably under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a). As noted above, Applicants did not receive the Notice of Allowance, and as a result, were not aware of the due date for payment of the issue fee. In that case, Applicants hereby authorize a charge to the Deposit Account No. 23-3000 for the Petition fee associated with the 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a) Petition for a large entity of \$500.00, as well as a charge to the Deposit Account No. 23-3000 for the associated issue fee of \$1,400.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(a) for a large entity. Applicants have also attached hereto as Exhibit B a signed Issue Fee Transmittal constituting a reply to the Notice of Allowance, which Transmittal was downloaded by the undersigned from PAIR after receipt of the Notice of Abandonment.

If the Office has any questions regarding this petition, please contact the undersigned attorney for prompt resolution. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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